

**CORRECTIONS WORKING GROUP  
REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

to the

**BOARD OF CORRECTIONS  
CHANGE OF USE, DOWNSIZING OR CLOSURE OF CORRECTIONAL  
FACILITIES**

Pursuant to the Board of Corrections Rule: Chapter 2 Change of Use, Downsizing, or Closure of Correctional Facilities, the Corrections Working Group is required to

- A. Review and make recommendations to the Board of Corrections with respect to use and size of each correctional facility either in advance of the board's periodic review or at the request of the commissioner or the county commissioners; and
- B. Prepare a record of recommendations to assist the board in making its decision.

**Date:** June 24, 2009

**COUNTY:** Franklin

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICE AREA:** Central

**Recommended Action:**

☒ Change of Use:  
☐ Downsizing  
☐ Closure  
☐ None

**Description of Proposed Change**

The Franklin County Jail is recommended for a change of use from a full service jail serving Franklin County to a 72 hour holding facility serving Franklin County. Pretrial defendants held for longer than 72 hours and prisoners with county jail sentences will be housed in the Somerset County Jail. The Corrections Working Group recommends an evaluation in FY10 of adding to the 72 hour hold capacity in Franklin to accommodate a public service/restitution component in FY11.

**Basis for Recommendation:** This recommendation is the result of a periodic review requested by the Board of Corrections in order to estimate the General Fund revenue needed to fund the Unified Corrections System in FY10.

**Recommended Bed Capacity:**

| Available Beds    |     | Estimated Need in Franklin County |
|-------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Holding Facility: | 4-6 | 4 Average Daily Population        |
| Public Service    | 3-5 |                                   |
| Total             | 9   |                                   |

**Adjustments to other Correctional Facilities to Accomplish Recommendation:**

Somerset County Jail: 26

Pretrial: 20

Sentenced 6

**Estimated Savings:** \$641,785

**Additional Costs:** \$194,830

**Issues to Monitor:**

1. Medical screening and consultation
2. Video Arraignment costs not included in proposed budget
3. Transportation

**Efficiency Opportunities:**

1. Video arraignments
2. Transportation

**Program Enhancements:**

1. Pretrial Diversion (funding increased in proposed budget)
2. Public Service/Restitution (to be evaluated for implementation in FY11)
3. Community Confinement

**Outcomes:**

1. Pretrial diversion
2. Rate of incarceration (Somerset County beds)
3. Recidivism reduction
4. Hours of Community Service

**RECORD:**

1. Initial Meeting with Franklin County to Discuss Change in Mission, February 4, 2009; Inventory/Needs Focus Group
2. Franklin County Jail Site Visit: February 10, 2009 meeting minutes; Inventory/Needs Focus Group
3. Mutual Agreement of Understanding between the Board of Corrections and the Counties of Franklin and Somerset effective June 30, 2009
4. Proposed Franklin County Jail Budget
5. Needs Focus Group Recommendation to the Corrections Working Group
6. Corrections Working Group Recommendations to the Board of Corrections
7. One Maine – One System Conceptual Design